

Consumer Advisory Committee Minutes July 6, 2010

Members Present: T. Ackley, Holden, Lucas, Miller, Ostrander, Reed, White, R. Wilson

Absent: Clites, Janego, McKenzie, Miley

Staff/Board present: Grossman, Smith

Public: Lucas

CALL TO ORDER

Address correction requested. Cell_phone/texting reminder

Introductions: Made

Public comment (Non-CAC members): None

Previous minutes: Corrections: Lucas is the DD representative and Reed is the At-large member. Individuals under 18 may attend the Drop In Center's family and friends events. MOTION by R. Wilson to approve the minutes with the named corrections. SUPPORTED by Miller. MOTION CARRIED.

Additions to the agenda: None

Lenawee:

Report from Board meeting: Miley presented for CAC. R. Wilson reported that the memberships were accepted as recommended.

Ostrander officially turned the chairmanship over to Holden.

Executive Director Report: No report.

CAC Membership:

- Operating Guidelines were provided to everyone to review for a future meeting. An item that should be addressed is the length of terms for the officers.
- The phone contact list was provided for updating.
- Ethics and Confidentiality Agreements were signed by members.
- Reporting to the Board. A CAC member reports to the Board each month. If the assigned person is not able to attend the meeting, the Committee Chair or a backup should be contacted directly. Usually, Ackley, R. Wilson, or Miley attend most Board meetings and with notice may serve as backup.

Liaison: Grossman

- Grossman suggested that individuals not ignore any notice about their Medicaid coverage. Read all letters and do not ignore review dates. It is very easy now for computer generated termination of benefits. For example, people that are not reaching their spend downs for several months in a row are being dropped from the benefit. Obtaining Medicaid benefits seems to be getting more difficult as time goes on. Keep copies of all your paper work, and document when and to whom things have been turned in.
- With the Health Reform the “donut hole” gap for Medicare D prescription coverage will eventually be closed, but for now many people are reaching that point in their coverage and need to pay for their prescriptions.
- There has not been a recent opening period for Adult Benefit Waivers.

CAC Subcommittees: (Groups CAC oversees.)

- **Legislative:** No direct activity beyond what the MHAC is doing.
- **Mental Health Awareness:** The meeting was just prior to CAC. Plans are beginning for Field Day and the Meet and Greet.

Affiliation:

- **Affiliation Consumer Advisory Committee:** Committee members from Lenawee will no longer travel to other locations for meetings. Attendance will be by either telephone conference call or video conferencing. Connecting issues need to be worked out. Committee members could discuss the equipment issues at ACAC.

**Consumer input and concerns/miscellaneous updates/
INFORMATION SHARING** (CAC does not oversee nor have direct input into the operations of these organizations.)

- **Interconnections/Drop In Center:** a calendar of events was provided. Attendance is increasing. It was suggested that information (support groups) needs to be kept current with the 211 system. Everyone is also encouraged to sign up for 211 Email Blast, to keep informed about fund raisers, educational events etc.
- **Lenawee Suicide Prevention Workgroup:** Judge Iddings is chairing a subcommittee about Bullying. With the increasing usage of electronics bullying can continue 24/7 and statements easily “snowballed” into major issues.
- **RICC:** No comment.
- **Hope Center:** Ride for Hope.
- **Continuum of Care:** No comment
- **Consumer Conference:** Email notifications were sent last week. CMH may designate 3 people for scholarships to the event. New Focus has room to transport up to 5 people. Those that do not get a scholarship would need to pay their own way. Names of those wishing a scholarship may submit their application to S. Smith immediately, with a decision by CMH management and

notification of selection made this week before the price increases for those wanting to attend. Criteria for selection should include that the individuals be able to bring the learning/networking information back to the community. It is expected that individuals also attend the workshops throughout the day. (last year's scholarships: Ostrander, Rauth and ?)

Board Reporting: (last Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM.)

Report from CAC to the Board:

- Request approval of CAC motions/recommendations.
- Direct CAC/MHAC/Legislative/ACAC activities. (not the Information Sharing portion of CAC meetings.)
- Personal comments are made when "Public comment" is requested.

Report back from the Board to CAC:

- Request approvals to recommendations
- Obtain directions or "charges"
- Main topics of interest/concern.

July: R. Wilson

August: Ostrander

MOTION by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am. SUPPORT by Ostrander. MOTION CARRIED

Future agenda items:

- Review the Operating Guidelines regarding length of terms for Chair/Chair Elect.
- Review ACAC membership

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 3, 2010 10:00 am LCMHA